

Cohorts inside WISEdash for Districts lets you create groups of students or schools to follow. Cohorts are an excellent tool during data inquiry. Early in the school year, a whole classroom cohort could be established to monitor its members' progress. During year-end data investigations, a cohort could be created to provide evidence for instructional or school improvements.

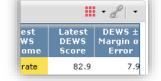
- Cohorts can be built **Manually** (student search) or by **Drill-and-Click** (selecting students from the detail list).
- Cohorts can either have Student members or School members (groups of similar school types).

NOTE: Your **security role** always applies while viewing a cohort. If your security role disallows access to sensitive student information, you will not see sensitive data—even if the cohort is public.



Create a Cohort by Searching for Students

- 1. Use the "Student Search" in WISEdash to filter and select the cohort's members by clicking the student's checkbox. A cohort must contain at least ONE student.
- 2. Scroll right on Student List window and click the red user applications button ### and choose "New Cohort".



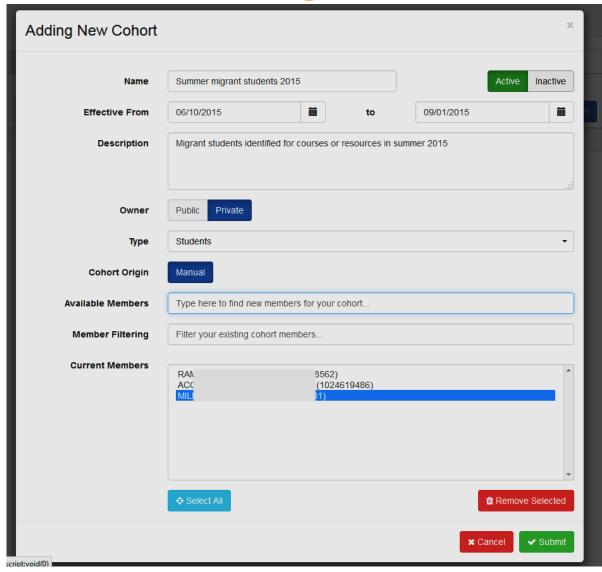
- 3. Type a unique and specific cohort name. Do not name them *Cohort 1* or *My Cohort* because the saved name will appear in dropdown fields, metrics and reports.
- 4. When done adding students, complete the cohort definition:
 - a. Click the red user applications button if on the green Student Search bar. Choose "Cohort Manager"
 - b. Click the edit button to open the Editing window.
 - c. Complete all the fields, plus observe these tips:
 - i. **EFFECTIVE DATES**: Set the From-To dates to the expected dates the cohort will be relevant or its members will exit the class, grade, or condition.
 - ii. AVAILABLE MEMBERS: Search for more students here. Type at least 3-4 characters of the student name. Please be patient. The application searches all students you are authorized to view.
 - iii. **FILTER MEMBERS**: Type 3-4 letters to filter a long Current Members list. You can then select filtered students to more easily delete them from a cohort.
 - iv. **CURRENT MEMBERS**. Cohorts must have at least 1 student member. Deleting all the members will void the editing session when you close the window.

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<u>Note:</u> The Cohort Manager application opens multiple browser windows during its process. For security, please make sure to close all pop-up browser windows when finished with WISEdash.

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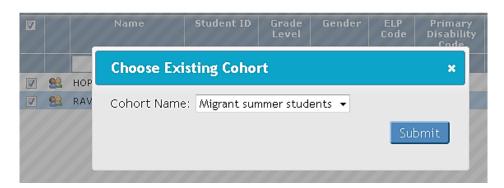


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Create a Cohort by Selecting Students from Inquiry (metric drill and click)

- 1. Set any metric filters and groups to show the topic or attributes of interest (such as primary disability, achievement gap, attendance rate, etc.)
- 2. Drill into the metric to see the student detail.
- 3. Select the students to include in the cohort.
- 4. Click the red user applications button ##
- 5. If adding a "New Cohort"
 - a. Type a unique and specific short name > Submit
 - b. Remember to finish the Cohort Definition Editor
- 6. If adding students to an "Existing Cohort"
 - a. Choose the cohort name then > Submit





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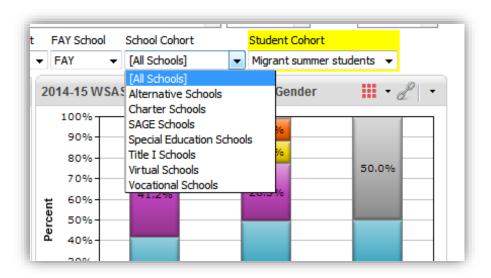




Filter by a School Cohort (similar school types)

The School Cohort filter lets you see data and students associated with that school type. The School Cohort groupings are created by DPI.

- 1. Select a school district(s)
- 2. Choose the School Cohort of interest.
- 3. Click GO
- 4. Apply more filters and groups as required.
 - a. Choosing a school outside the cohort type will result in a "No Data Found" message.
 - b. Selecting a Student Cohort will further FILTER the data and display those students within the larger School Cohort group.





Cohort User Guide

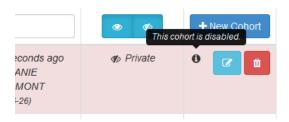




Managing your Cohorts

The red user applications button **!!!** > Cohort Manager lets you manage effective dates, membership, and existence of student and school cohorts.

- 1. Select "Cohort Manager"
- 2. Click EDIT button to start the cohort definition editor.
- 3. Click DELETE button to remove a whole cohort definition and its membership names. Once removed, it cannot be recovered.
- + NEW COHORT creates a blank cohort. You must search and at least 1 member to the new cohort.
- 5. SELECT ALL selects the current total membership list.
- REMOVE SELECTED will delete the member from the cohort.
- 7. Cohorts that exist but are temporarily INACTIVE will display a shaded background and an information icon.



Cohorts may identify students by their membership in groups or contain protected information regarding students. Cohort data should be handled as sensitive student data.

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